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Dresden.

1. On 31 July and 1 August 1951, about 120 recruits received basic training in the yard of the Maschinengewehr Kaserne, Dresden (N 52/F 29). Source believed that the recruits were quartered there in addition to the troops previously seen in the installation. in the billeting area on 1 August.

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Kamenz.

2. Between 2 and 4 July, four units of about 80 recruits each were seen assembling in the yard of the Infanterie Kaserne, Kamenz (N 52/A 41). The volume of vehicular traffic at the installation was lower than at previous times.

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3. In early July, the Panzer Kaserne quartered only a guard unit of 30 to 50 soldiers. Some soldiers were seen taking physical training and policing the billeting area.

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Leipzig.

4. On 26 July, a sign in Russian reading Central Komendantura was observed on the building opposite the Hindenburg Kaserne, Leipzig (N 52/E 21). Sedans left the barracks installation on 30 July. (3)

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5. Three SU-249 SP guns with 122 mm guns, numbered 079, 088 and 039, were seen practicing driving in the training area near Paunsdorfer Wäldchen (patch of woods) in the vicinity of the Heiterblick Kaserne on 30 July. Twenty-four T-34 tanks were provided with a new coat of paint in the yard of the Heiterblick Kaserne.

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7. The Heiterblick Kaserne appeared to be only lightly occupied on 13 July. [redacted] the installation. The Flak Kaserne, Schoenau, was occupied by only a small guard detail. Windows and gates of the installation were closed. (5)

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Leisnig.

8. Only a few soldiers were seen receiving infantry training in the Friedrich August Kaserne and the Eutsche Kaserne, Leisnig (N 52/K 69), between 12 and 23 July. No more than ten soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed at a time. There was no vehicular traffic. (6)

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☐ Comments.
(1) Another source estimated the number of troops in the Maschinen-gewehr Kaserne at 600 on 6 June 1951. [redacted]
(2) Same source reported the Infanterie Kaserne to have quartered about 200 troops and the Panzer Kaserne a guard unit of about 50 men in mid-June 1951. [redacted]. The present report therefore indicates no changes up to the beginning of July [redacted] belongs to a component of the 11th Gds Tank Div. [redacted]

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(3) Compare with the report [redacted]
(4) The information by the three sources reciprocally confirms that the Heiterblick Kaserne was only partly occupied in the middle of July. The source of paragraph 6 reported in late June 1951 that an officer training course was conducted at the installation [redacted]

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(5) Based on information on the Flak Kaserne, Schoenau, during the past months, it has not been determined whether components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div and the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from the installation have departed for troop training grounds. However, since other components of the division and the corps from Halle and Naumburg have been at the Kindel troop training grounds since April and May respectively, it is possible that the units from the barracks installation in Schoenau also went to Kindel at that time.

(6) Compare with a similar report of late June 1951 by [redacted]

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